



GOVERNOR'S OFFICE OF  
BUDGET AND PROGRAM PLANNING

## Fiscal Note 2017 Biennium

<b>Bill #</b>	HB0306	<b>Title:</b>	Revise unemployment insurance benefits for victims of domestic violence
<b>Primary Sponsor:</b>	Eck, Jennifer	<b>Status:</b>	As Introduced

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Significant Local Gov Impact     | <input type="checkbox"/> Needs to be included in HB 2  | <input type="checkbox"/> Technical Concerns              |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Included in the Executive Budget | <input type="checkbox"/> Significant Long-Term Impacts | <input type="checkbox"/> Dedicated Revenue Form Attached |

### FISCAL SUMMARY

	<u>FY 2016 Difference</u>	<u>FY 2017 Difference</u>	<u>FY 2018 Difference</u>	<u>FY 2019 Difference</u>
<b>Expenditures:</b>				
General Fund	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Other	\$43,314	\$43,816	\$44,060	\$47,358
<b>Revenue:</b>				
General Fund	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Other	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
<b>Net Impact-General Fund Balance:</b>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>

**Description of fiscal impact:** HB 306 eliminates the limitation on the number of weeks that victims of domestic violence, sexual assault, or stalking are eligible to receive unemployment benefits. The bill makes the benefit period for victims of domestic violence, sexual assault, or stalking uniform with other unemployment insurance beneficiaries.

### FISCAL ANALYSIS

#### Assumptions:

#### Department of Labor and Industry

#### Unemployment Insurance Division

- For FY 2014, there were 22 eligible unemployment benefit claimants of domestic violence, sexual assault, or stalking. The average duration was 8 weeks and the average benefit amount was \$208.00/week.
- The division assumes qualified claimants for this benefit will increase by 1 claimant per year.
- The average duration of the claimant's eligible benefits will be uniform with other unemployment insurance beneficiaries. For FY 2016 the division projects that an average duration of a claim will be 16.1 weeks, FY 2017 15.6 weeks, and FY 2018 and FY 2019 15.1 weeks.
- The trust fund will be impacted by the additional weeks of unemployment insurance benefits. FY 2016 (16.1 weeks – 8 weeks current = 8.1 additional weeks), FY 2017 (15.6 weeks – 8 weeks current = 7.6 additional weeks), FY 2018 and FY 2019 (15.1 weeks – 8 weeks = 7.1 additional weeks)

5. The average benefit amount is projected to increase by 3.5% per week. FY 2015 (\$208/week x 1.035 = \$215.28/week), FY 2016 (\$215.28/week x 1.035 = \$222.81/week), FY 2017 (\$222.81/week x 1.035 = \$230.61/week), FY 2018 (\$230.61/week x 1.035 = \$238.68/week), and FY 2019 (\$238.68/week x 1.035 = \$247.04/week).

State Fiscal Year	Eligible claimants	Average weekly benefit amount	Additional weeks of duration	Trust Fund Impact
FY 2016	24	\$222.81	8.1	\$43,314
FY 2017	25	\$230.61	7.6	\$43,816
FY 2018	26	\$238.68	7.1	\$44,060
FY 2019	27	\$247.04	7.1	\$47,358

6. It is anticipated that between 190 and 300 hours of computer programming and testing will be required to complete the changes in the UI computer systems.
7. All hours will be absorbed with current funding and resources, however, other workload will need to be prioritized in order to implement this legislation.

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<b><u>Fiscal Impact:</u></b>				
<b><u>Expenditures:</u></b>				
Benefits	\$43,314	\$43,816	\$44,060	\$47,358
<b>TOTAL Expenditures</b>	<u>\$43,314</u>	<u>\$43,816</u>	<u>\$44,060</u>	<u>\$47,358</u>
<b><u>Funding of Expenditures:</u></b>				
Other	\$43,314	\$43,816	\$44,060	\$47,358
<b>TOTAL Funding of Exp.</b>	<u>\$43,314</u>	<u>\$43,816</u>	<u>\$44,060</u>	<u>\$47,358</u>
<b><u>Revenues:</u></b>				
Other	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
<b>TOTAL Revenues</b>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>
<b><u>Net Impact to Fund Balance (Revenue minus Funding of Expenditures):</u></b>				
Other	(\$43,314)	(\$43,816)	(\$44,060)	(\$47,358)

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